A625-Field Historian Course
ELO: Administer Staff Ride Techniques

A Staff Ride - links an historical event, systematic preliminary study, and actual terrain to produce battle analysis in three dimensions

PHASES OF A STAFF RIDE

1. PRELIMINARY STUDY PHASE
2. FIELD STUDY PHASE
3. INTEGRATION PHASE

PRELMINARY STUDY PHASE

- Students must understand the purpose of the exercise
- Students must become actively involved and acquire basic knowledge
- Instructor must conduct a RECON

FIELD STUDY PHASE

- Maintain student involvement
- Use vignettes
- Use training aids
- Be flexible to permit unplanned stops
- Consider weather influences

FOUNDATIONS OF STAFF RIDING

- MAXIMUM KNOWLEDGE BY THE INSTRUCTOR TEAM

- MAXIMUM KNOWLEDGE AND INVOLVEMENT BY STUDENTS

- COMPLETE INTEGRATION OF THE PRELIMINARY STUDY PHASE AND THE FIELD STUDY PHASE

INTEGRATION PHASE

- AN OPPORTUNITY TO PAUSE AND REFLECT ON MEANING OF THE EXERCISE
- PERMITS INTEGRATION OF PERCEPTIONS FROM PREVIOUS PHASES
- PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY TO CRYSTALIZE PERCEPTIONS AND ORGANIZE THEM
- GENERATES ADDITIONAL INSIGHTS THROUGH GROUP DISCUSSION
- PROVIDES A FORUM FOR COMMENTS

TRAINING AIDS

- MAPS
- PHOTOGRAPHS
- PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS, DIAGRAMS
- FILMS AND VIDEOTAPES
- TAPE RECORDINGS
- ARTIFACTS
- TERRAIN BOARDS
- WALK BOOKS

LOGISTICS

- CRITICAL TO SUCCESS
- SHOULD NOT DISTRACT FROM EDUCATIONAL PROCESS
- TRANSPORTATION, MESSING, BILLETING, MEDICAL

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